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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amend the following paragraphs:

[0024] -- The controller 1 can be employed to control, for example, machine tools, robots and/or processing machines. If a specific event occurs, for example a component of the machine fails, the controller -internal alarm system 2 generates a time-stamped alarm message and a data set that contains event-relevant information. This information is transmitted via the bus system B1 to the database 3 and designated for a specific receivers receiver. The alarm indicating system 2 assigns to each specific event or alarm a predefined receiver group. If a new event occurs, the alarm system 2 transmits an e-mail, SMS ("Short Message Service") or voice message via the Internet 5 to the specified receivers specified for the respective event, e.g. 6a, 6b, and 6c. The receivers 6a, 6b and 6c are all only informed that such event has occurred. The e-mail, the SMS or the voice message themselves do itself does not contain any sensitive information. When the receiver or recipient, e.g. a service technician, receives to the corresponding e-mail, SMS or the voice mail message, the technician establishes via the Internet 5 a connection, to the Web server 4 via the Internet 5 that is secured by cryptographic means, to the Web server 4 using an Internet browser, for example an Internet-capable terminal, running a "Hypertext Transfer Protocol Security" protocol. The "Hypertext Transfer Protocol Security" protocol can be implemented, for example, via a "Secure Socket Layer" protocol or a "Transport Layer Security" protocol, for example.--.

--According to one embodiment, the message generated by the alarm indicating system 3 2 can be sent to the predefined recipiente receivers 6a, 6b or 6c in the form of an e-mail message which may include a cross-reference to the event-relevant information that is stored receiver-specific in a database element of the database 3, for example in the form of a URL (Universal Resource Locator) address-

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to the ovent relevant information that is stored recipient specific in a database element of the database 3.--.